

VISION 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2015 MEETING

Present: Juli Brazile, Joey Glushko, Mary Harrison, Elizabeth Karpati..

Absent: Adria Arch, Kathleen Bodie, Steven Byrne, Adam Chapdelaine, Andrew Fischer, Bruce Fitzsimmons, Jane Howard, Gordon Jamieson, John Leone, Josh Lobel, Cheryl Miller, Brucie Moulton, Angela Olszewski, Paul Schlichtman, Michael Stern.

- The **minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.
- **Census survey:** Just over 6000 have been returned – a 32% response rate!
- Standing Committee reorganization: An overview of the plan was sent to the Selectmen, then Juli and Joey made a short presentation at a BoS meeting and the Selectmen voted to recommend favorable action to Town Meeting, which will probably get to vote on it at its third session.
- We discussed Juli's drafts envisioning the **new Standing Committee** -- principal activities, qualities needed for membership, proposed communications strategies. Some suggestions: Add that listening skills and ability to cooperate are important for SC members. They should think at every meeting about what the Task Groups need from the SC. Task groups need to keep informed about each other's work.
- **Nominations** for appointments to the new Standing Committee: Juli will e-mail the Task Group chairs asking for suggestions. People who worked on the new Master Plan should also be considered.
- Consideration of a **new logo** should wait until the new structure is “up and running.”
- **Budget:** Funding for rooms for holding precinct meetings was discussed. The consensus was that SC should not commit to full funding, but a sum could be set aside which could be used for partial funding. Voted for this year: \$135 each for two planned meetings, each of which will serve multiple precincts. Meetings at the Senior Center can be held for free; two more meetings are planned there for precincts which are located conveniently close to it. Also voted: \$125 for a public address system requested by Public Art.
- It was decided that **June 11** was the best date for the annual volunteer appreciation event.